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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Health Department Investigates Possible TB Exposure**

### **Approximately 160 children in the Clint Independent School District possibly exposed**

**EL PASO, Texas** - The City of El Paso Department of Public Health is currently investigating a possible Tuberculosis (TB) exposure involving approximately 160 children in the Clint Independent School District. Earlier this week, the Department sent letters to parents informing them that their children may have had close contact with someone with TB. As a precaution, the Department of Public Health is recommending that these children be screened for TB through a blood draw that will be tested at the Department of Public Health laboratory in El Paso.

"We continue to work closely with officials from the Clint Independent School District as well as the Department of State Health Services to determine which children are considered as having been possibly exposed," said Bruce Parsons, Interim Health Director. "We ask that parents who receive the letter participate in the screening so that we can determine whether or not their child was exposed and follow up with appropriate treatment."

Parents who receive a letter, who have additional questions may call the City of El Paso Department of Public Health at 915-212-6609.

**Media may schedule interviews for this afternoon between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Health located at 5115 El Paso Drive.**

Tuberculosis is a bacterial illness acquired through breathing in infected droplets from the cough or sneeze of a person with active TB. Tuberculosis is not easily transmitted. The likelihood of transmission increases with length of exposure to the cough/sneeze of someone with active TB. Additional information about TB can be found at [www.EPHealth.com](http://www.EPHealth.com) by clicking TB Control under "Programs".

The efforts and services offered by the Department of Public Health support the City of El Paso's strategic goal to nurture and promote a healthy, sustainable community. For more information on the programs and services offered by the Department of Public Health, please visit [EPHealth.com](http://EPHealth.com) or dial 2-1-1.

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